

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Lansing Traffic Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Jan. 9, 1948

7:00 P. M.,  
Room 108,  
City Hall Annex,  
Lansing, Michigan.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present—Commissioners Beck, Ecker, Graham, Hardy, Hawkins and Warner.—6.

Members Absent—Commissioner Parr.—1.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

The Commission considered a petition signed by the residents of the 1100 block of West Allegan Street who requested that an investigation be made of the traffic conditions in that block. It was moved and supported that before any definite action be taken by the Commission that a more thorough investigation be made by the Traffic Engineer and a report submitted at the next meeting of the Commission.

Carried.

The Commission considered the resolution of Alderman Eddy that parallel parking be permitted on the south side of Lenawee Street from Washington Avenue east. The Commission instructed the Traffic Engineer to install parallel parking signs on the south side of the 100 block of East Lenawee Street from Washington Avenue to Grand Avenue.

The Commission considered a request from the Cuban Honey Corporation for a 15 minute parking zone in front of their

establishment at 214-216 W. Kalamazoo Street. It was moved and supported that inasmuch as there is a one-hour time limit for parking in this block at the present time, that no further change be made in the parking regulations.

Carried.

The Commission considered a communication received from Mr. Glenn Cripps, Secretary of the Refrigeration Service Engineers Society asking for permission to place a decal on members cars when engaged in service work to eliminate the receiving of parking tickets while doing this work.

It was moved and supported that the request be denied.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer submitted a sketch of the accidents which have occurred at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Saginaw Street during 1947. The Commission suggested that the Traffic Engineer work with the State Highway Department to determine if some remedy could be devised whereby the congestion at this intersection could be eliminated and the number of accidents reduced.

Lt. Warner submitted a suggestion to the Commission that a determination be made as to the feasibility of using the top of the new reservoir in the 100 and 200 blocks of South Cedar Street as a location for off-street parking. The Commission appointed Lt. Warner and Mr. Anger to investigate this possibility and submit a report to the next meeting of the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

SIDNEY ANGER,  
City Traffic Engineer.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Lansing Traffic Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Feb. 6, 1948

1:00 P.M.  
Room 103  
City Hall Annex  
Lansing, Michigan

### ROLL CALL

Members Present—Commissioners Beck, Graham, Parr and Warner.—4.

Members Absent—Commissioners Ecker, Hardy and Hawkins.—3.

Commissioners Ecker, Hardy and Hawkins were excused from the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

The Commission received a recommendation of the Traffic Engineer that the "No Parking" restrictions on the south side of Allegan Street be extended from Sycamore Street to Logan Street. It was moved and supported that a communication be sent to the City Council recommending that the Traffic Ordinance be amended to include this restriction.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer submitted a report

on the traffic congestion on Chestnut Street from Ottawa Street to Washtenaw Street. It was pointed out that most of these parkers are State employees who do not avail themselves of State owned parking lots in that vicinity. It was moved and supported that to eliminate this condition, the parking be restricted on the west side of Chestnut Street from Ottawa Street to Washtenaw Street and that a communication be sent to the City Council recommending that the Traffic Ordinance be amended to include this restriction.

Carried.

The Commission considered a petition requesting certain parking changes on Birch Street and Cowles Street. It was moved and supported that no action be taken at this time and that the petition lay on the table.

Carried.

The matter of the 1948-1949 budget was discussed by the Commission and the Traffic Engineer was authorized to submit a budget for Commission consideration at the March meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

SIDNEY ANGER,  
City Traffic Engineer.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Lansing Traffic Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings March 5, 1948

1:00 P.M.

Room 103

City Hall Annex

Lansing, Michigan.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present—Commissioners Ecker, Graham, Hawkins, Parr and Warner—5.

Members Absent—Commissioners Beck and Hardy—2.

Commissioners Beck and Hardy were excused from the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as printed.

M/Sgt. James C. Schaaf of the U.S. Army Recruiting Service appeared before the Commission in behalf of a request for a designated parking space at 105 E. Washtenaw Street for use by Army vehicles. M-Sgt. Schaaf was advised that his request was contrary to the policy adopted by the Commission and therefore, his request was being denied.

It was moved and supported that a communication be sent to the City Council recommending that the request for this space be denied.

Carried.

The matter of parking in front of the Hotel Olds in the 100 block of West Michigan Avenue was discussed at some length by the Commission.

It was moved and supported that a communication be sent to Mr. Bruce Anderson asking his cooperation in eliminating this parking and unless some improvement was noted, the Commission would feel inclined to recommend to the City Council that the amount of space allotted for guest parking in front of the hotel be considerably reduced.

Carried.

The Commission discussed, at some length, the proposed Traffic Commission budget for the fiscal year 1948-1949 and approval was given to the budget in the amount of \$40,261.00.

It was moved and supported that Commissioner Parr and Mr. Anger represent the Traffic Commission at the time of the hearing before the Ways and Means Committee of the City Council.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

SIDNEY ANGER,

City Traffic Engineer.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Lansing Traffic Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings April 8, 1948

7:00 P.M.,  
Room 103,  
City Hall Annex,  
Lansing, Michigan.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present—Commissioners Beck, Ecker, Graham, Hawkins, Parr and Warner.—7.

Members Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

The Commission considered a petition from the residents on Carey Street asking that parking be restricted on the west side of Carey Street, from 611 to 623.

It was moved and supported that the request be laid on the table until the next meeting of the Commission.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer reported on the traffic conditions on River Street with the suggestion that parking be removed from the west side of River Street from Kalamazoo Street to Main Street.

The Commission requested that more information be obtained and a report submitted at the next monthly meeting for definite action.

The Commission discussed, at some length, the inadequate type of warning protection on the following railroad crossings: Holmes Street and the Pere Marquette Railroad; North Street and the Pere Marquette Railroad; Larch Street and the Pere Marquette Railroad.

It was moved and supported that a recommendation be sent to the City Council that the present signals on Holmes Street and North Street be replaced with a more adequate type of warning device.

It was further recommended that the Traffic Engineer write the Public Service Commission for an order improving the lighting on the crossing gates at Larch Street and the Pere Marquette Railroad.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer suggested that the Commission consider the removal of parking on the north side of North Street from Larch Street west to the railroad crossing to relieve the congestion occurring in this block at certain hours of the day.

It was moved and supported that a recommendation be sent to the City Council requesting this change in the Traffic Ordinance.

Carried.

The Commission considered the request that parking be prohibited on the south side of Allegan Street from Logan Street to Jenison Avenue.

The Traffic Engineer was requested to obtain traffic counts on Allegan Street, both east and west of Logan Street, for the next meeting of the Commission at which time definite action will be taken on the request.

The Commission considered a request of the R. E. Olds Company for space in front of the Olds Tower Building on West Allegan Street.

It was moved and supported that the Traffic Commission recommend to the City Council that two meters be removed directly in front of the Olds Tower Building and a building entrance zone be authorized at this location.

Carried.

The commission considered the request that parking be prohibited on one side of Pettis Street from Blair Street to Boston Blvd.



It was moved and supported that a recommendation be sent to the City Council requesting that parking be removed on the east side of Pettis Street from Blair Street to Boston Blvd.

Carried.

The Commission considered the petition requesting a traffic signal at East Saginaw Street and Marshall Street.

It was moved and supported that a recommendation be sent to the City Council approving the installation of a signal at this intersection with the further recommendation that approval of this installation be obtained from the Michigan State Highway Department.

Carried.

The Commission considered the request of the Purity Cylinder Gases, Incorporated, for a loading zone in front of 211-213 East Shiawassee Street.

It was moved and supported that in line with the Commission's policy on loading zones, the request of the petitioner be denied and a recommendation to this effect be sent to the City Council.

Carried.

The Commission considered, at some length, the communication received from the Inter City Coach Line Company relative to the recommended bus stops.

It was moved and supported that a recommendation be sent to the City Council that they adopt a skip-stop system as submitted by the Inter City Coach Line Company or one similar to it.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

SIDNEY ANGER,  
City Traffic Engineer.

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Lansing Traffic Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings May 7, 1948

7:00 P. M.,  
Room 103,  
City Hall Annex,  
Lansing, Michigan.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Commissioners Beck, Ecker, Graham, Hardy, Hawkins, and Parr.—6.

Members Absent: Commissioner Warner.—1.

Commissioner Warner was officially excused from the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

The Commission discussed, at some length, the manner in which parking would be controlled on the proposed new municipal parking lot in the 300 block of Townsend Street.

It was moved and supported that Mr. Ecker and Mr. Enger, acting as members of the Off-Street Parking Committee, submit a recommendation to the City Council covering their opinion on the matter of parking control on this lot.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer submitted a report covering the traffic conditions on East Main Street and suggested that this be made a "Thru" street from Cedar Street to Shepard Street.

It was moved and supported that the Commission recommend to the City Council that the Traffic Ordinance be amended to make Main Street a "Thru" street from Cedar Street to Shepard Street except at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Carried.

The Commission considered a request received from the Traffic Committee of the Lansing Safety Council asking the Commission to recommend to the City Council that a sidewalk be constructed across the New York Central Railroad tracks at Pacific Avenue so that school children crossing the tracks at this point would not have to walk in the roadway as is necessary at the present time.

It was moved and supported that a letter, containing such a recommendation, be sent to the City Council.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer submitted a report indicating the congestion which may result on Grand River Avenue, between High Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, due to the new traffic signal installation at High Street and Grand River Avenue. It was pointed out that an additional lane of traffic would be necessary in this block to avoid the serious congestion and it was suggested that parking be prohibited on the south side of Grand River Avenue between High Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

It was moved and supported, therefore, that a recommendation be sent to the City Council asking that the Traffic Ordinance be amended to include this parking change.

Carried.

Adjutant Haney, representing the Volunteers of America, appeared before the Commission in behalf of his request for a loading zone in front of their building at 327 River Street. The Commission advised him that it was contrary to their policy to designate such zones and in view of this policy it was necessary that his request be denied.

It was moved and supported that a recommendation to this effect be sent to the City Council.

Carried.

The Commission considered a petition for a one-hour parking restriction on the south



side of the 800 block of East Shiawassee Street. After some discussion, it was moved and supported that a recommendation be sent to the City Council recommending that the Traffic Ordinance be amended to provide for one-hour parking on both sides of Shiawassee Street from Larch Street east to the railroad tracks and on the south side of Shiawassee Street from the railroad tracks east to Haag Court.

Carried.

The Commission considered a petition for a two-hour parking zone on Center Street, between Beaver Street and North Street. After some discussion it was moved and supported that a recommendation be sent to the City Council that the Traffic Ordinance be amended to provide for a one-hour parking zone on both sides of Center Street, from Grand River Avenue to North Street.

Carried.

The Commission considered the request from the D & C Stores for a 40-foot loading zone in front of their building at 927 West Saginaw Street.

It was moved and supported that a recommendation be sent to the City Council asking that the request of the petitioner be denied.

Carried.

Alderman Brown appeared before the Commission to speak in his behalf for a traffic signal at Grand River Avenue and Turner Street. His reasons for a traffic signal at this intersection were heard and the Traffic Engineer was requested to work out some plan with the Michigan State Highway Department for protection at this intersection and submit a report at the next meeting of the Commission.

The Commission considered the request of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Assiff that the one-hour parking restriction in front of their residence at 804 Bement Street be removed.

It was moved and supported that no action be taken on this request at the present time.

Carried.

The Commission again considered the request of three residents on Carey Street asking that parking be prohibited on the west side of the 600 block.

The Commission ordered the Traffic Engineer to make an hourly check of cars parked in this block for one week and submit a report covering his survey at the next meeting of the Commission.

The Traffic Engineer submitted a report on the proposed revising of the traffic control program on Logan Street which would involve the removal of the present traffic signal at Logan Street and Michigan Avenue and the installation of additional signals on Logan Street at Allegan Street and Ottawa Street.

It was pointed out that this change has the approval of the principal of the Michigan Avenue school and that traffic would benefit more by the new signal installation than is given by the present installation.

It was moved and supported that a recommendation be sent to the City Council asking that this change in the traffic control on Logan Street be adopted.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer submitted a report on the traffic count taken on Allegan Street east and west of Logan Street. In view of the small amount of traffic west of Logan Street, the Commission suggested that no change be taken at the present time on the extension of the "No Parking" restriction on the south side of Allegan Street, from Logan Street west.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

SIDNEY ANGER,  
City Traffic Engineer.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Lansing Traffic Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings June 9, 1948

7:00 P.M.

Room 103

City Hall Annex

Lansing, Michigan.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present—Commissioners Beck, Ecker, Hardy, Hawkins, Parr and Warner.

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Members Absent—Commissioner Graham.

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Commissioner Graham was officially excused from the meeting.

Alderman Charles Hayden also sat in on the Traffic Commission meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

A delegation of five business men appeared before the commission requesting some relief from the "No Parking" restrictions adjacent to their places of business in the northwest corner of the intersection of Cedar Street and Mount Hope Avenue. Mr. Clarence Carpenter was spokesman for the group and after giving their suggestions to the commission, he was advised that he would be notified by the Traffic Engineer as to what changes could be made for their benefit. The commission instructed Mr. Anger and Capt. Warner to investigate and bring a recommendation back to the commission on what changes, if any, should be made on these two streets.

Alderman Hayden spoke before the commission, outlining his suggestion that a over-all city plan be developed indicating the streets on which, during the next one, two and three years, it was probable that parking would be eliminated. The commission instructed Mr. Anger to prepare such a plan for commission approval after which, publicity to this program would be given in the newspapers as well as to the City Plan Commission and the Building

Inspector for their use in informing builders of commercial property what they could expect in the way of restricted parking in the next three years.

Capt. Warner reported on the traffic congestion existing in the vicinity of Cedar Street and Riley Street, especially on weekends, caused by shoppers at the Schmidt Brothers Super Market located at the northeast corner of Cedar and Riley Streets. It was moved and supported, as an emergency measure on weekends, that all parking be eliminated on the west side of Cedar Street from Florence Street to Pacific Avenue, also, on the west side of Colvin Court and that a letter be sent to the Chief of Police advising him of the action of the Traffic Commission.

Carried.

It was moved and supported that a letter be sent to the Board of Park and Cemetery Commission recommending that they erect some type of fencing along the north side of East Saginaw Street and on the south side of East Grand River Avenue at the Marshall playfield to prevent children from running into the highway while chasing balls.

Carried.

It was moved and supported that the Traffic Engineer be directed to erect suitable warning signs to indicate the dead end of Capitol Avenue at Willow Street.

Carried.

It was moved and supported that Capt. Warner, Mr. Parr and Mr. Anger consult with Mr. Bancroft of the Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners, and the City Attorney, relative to preparing an ordinance governing the height of trees and shrubs on private property especially at street intersections as well as any other obstruction which might interfere with the vision of traffic at any given intersection.

Carried.



The commission considered the request of the Capitol Electric Supply Company for a one-hour parking zone in front of their building at 710-714 East Kalamazoo Street. The present one-hour restrictions begin at the Pere-Marquette Railroad crossing and it was moved and supported that this zone be extended westerly to begin at the Michigan Central Railroad crossing.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer presented a request which he had received from the Michigan State Highway Department in which they suggested that in order to permit four moving lanes of traffic on Saginaw Street, from Pennsylvania Avenue to the east city limit, it would be necessary to remove parking on the south side of Saginaw Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Cleveland Street and on both sides of Saginaw Street from Cleveland Street to the east city limits. It was moved and supported that a recommendation be sent to the City Council asking them to make the necessary changes in the Traffic Ordinance to provide for this restriction in parking.

Carried.

The commission considered a petition asking that parking be restricted to one-hour on the north side of McKinley Street in the 800 and 900 blocks. Due to the various types of parking restrictions on McKinley Street, between Larch Street and High Street, the Traffic Engineer was instructed to bring in his recommendation for a uniform parking restriction on this street.

The commission considered a request from the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners that Hillsdale Street be made a "Thru" street from Washington Avenue to Butler Blvd. It was moved and supported that a letter be sent to the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners advising of the disadvantages of such a regulation and that the use of the "Fire Route" signs now in place on Hillsdale Street be continued.

Carried.

A copy of a resolution was received from the city of Hamtramck relative to courtesy stickers for disabled and paralyzed veterans. It was moved and supported that this matter be laid on the table.

Carried.

The commission considered a communication from Mr. William H. Wise, attorney for the Super Hamburg Shop, asking that the "No Parking" signs in the 1400 block of South Washington Avenue be removed to provide additional parking for his client's customers. It was moved and supported that no change in the parking regulations be made in this area and that a letter be sent to Mr. Wise so informing him.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer reported that he had received information from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company that they had ordered the necessary materials for the installation of electric lights on the railroad gates at their Larch Street crossing.

A letter was received from the Traffic and Planning Division of the Michigan State Highway Department setting up a proposed revision of the traffic control on Grand River Avenue between Washington Avenue and Larch Street. This program would involve the replacement of the traffic signal controllers now in place at Washington Avenue, Center Street and Larch Street, together with the installation of a new controller and traffic signal light at Turner Street. The total estimated cost of this program was \$3,200 of which amount the state would pay \$1,408.30 and the city of Lansing would bear the balance of \$1,791.70. It was moved and supported that a communication be sent to the City Council recommending that they approve of this new traffic control program on the basis set up by the Michigan State Highway Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

SIDNEY ANGER,  
City Traffic Engineer.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Lansing Traffic Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings July 9, 1948

7:00 P.M.

103 City Hall Annex

Lansing 7, Michigan.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present—Comms. Ecker, Hardy, Hawkins, Parr and Warner—5.

Members Absent—Comms. Graham and Beck—2.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

Mr. Wm. H. King, Jr., of the Michigan Cab Company, appeared before the commission and spoke on the desirability of increasing the size of the cab stand in front of the Bus Terminal in the 100 block of South Grand Avenue.

A resolution was passed by the Traffic Commission recommending that the City Council approve a four space cab stand in front of the Bus Terminal with the provision that only one cab from each of the four cab companies operating in the city use this stand at any one time. Should more than one cab, from any one company, be parked in this stand, it was recommended that a penalty be inflicted on the cab driver consisting of the suspension of his public driver's license for one week on the first offense, 30 days on the second offense, and 90 days on the third offense. It was also recommended that the parking meter between the Vandervoort Hardware Company loading zone and the driveway into the Bus Terminal be removed to provide for a cab parking place and that this meter be relocated at the east end of the present cab stand on the south side of the 100 block of East Allegan Street.

Carried.

Mr. Wm. H. Wise appeared before the commission asking that some relief be

given to provide additional parking facilities in the 1400 block of South Washington Avenue on the west side of the street.

Chairman Hardy appointed a committee consisting of Mr. Beck, Capt. Warner and Mr. Anger to check this request and report their recommendation at the next commission meeting.

The commission authorized the Traffic Engineer to write a letter to the City Engineer recommending that all applicants for building permits for the construction of commercial buildings be asked to contact the Traffic Engineer relative to the future parking plans on the street on which the contemplated construction is to take place.

Chairman Hardy directed the Traffic Engineer to make a study and submit a recommendation on the necessity for traffic signals at the following locations: Kalamazoo Street, Cherry Street and River Street; Mount Hope Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue; Main Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

The commission passed a resolution recommending that the Traffic Ordinance be amended to prohibit parking on the west side of River Street, from Lenawee Street to St. Joseph Street.

Carried.

The commission passed a resolution recommending the following changes in the Traffic Ordinance effecting parking on McKinley Street, between Larch Street and High Street: (1) Prohibit parking on the south side of McKinley Street from Larch Street to East Street. Also, on the north side of McKinley Street from East Street to the M.C.R.R. tracks; (2) Restrict parking to one-hour on the south side of McKinley Street from the M.C.R.R. tracks to High Street.

Carried.



The commission passed a resolution recommending that the Traffic Ordinance be amended to prohibit parking on the west side of Cedar Street from Florence Street to Pacific Avenue. Also on the west side of Colvin Court.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer was instructed to erect additional speed limit signs on West Saginaw Street in the vicinity of the West Side Playfield and the housing project.

A resolution was passed by the commission recommending that the speed limit on East Mount Hope Avenue, from Lindbergh Drive to the East City Limits be raised from 25 M.P.H. to 35 M.P.H.

Carried.

The commission considered the resolution of Alderman Brown requesting that the

oil trucks and other heavy trucks now traveling on No. Capitol Avenue, Russell Street and Reasoner Street be re-routed.

The Traffic Engineer was instructed to contact Alderman Brown on this proposal as well as the managers of the trucking companies involved.

The Traffic Engineer reported on the desirability of some action being started to review the study of the model Traffic Ordinance recently made for the City of Lansing by the Automotive Safety foundation.

Commissioner Ecker suggested that a committee be set up by the Traffic Engineer including all those city officials who would be affected by the ordinance and set up a program whereby the entire ordinance could be studied section by section.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

SIDNEY ANGER,  
City Traffic Engineer



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Lansing Traffic Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Aug. 6, 1948

7:00 P.M.,

103 City Hall Annex  
Lansing, Michigan.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present—Commissioners Beck, Ecker, Graham, Hardy, Parr and Warner.—6.

Members Absent—Commissioner Hawkins.—1.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Beck and Mr. Anger submitted a report recommending that no change be made in the parking restrictions in the 1400 block of South Washington Avenue as requested by Mr. Wm. S. Wise at the July Commission meeting.

It was moved and supported that the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer submitted a report on traffic signal installations at the following locations: Kalamazoo, Cherry and River Streets; Pennsylvania and Mt. Hope Avenues; and Pennsylvania Avenue and Main Street.

After considerable discussion, the Commission went on record as recommending that the City Council approve the installation of a signal at Pennsylvania Avenue and Mount Hope Avenue in anticipation of the increased traffic which would go over Pennsylvania Avenue when the extension of South Pennsylvania Avenue was opened to traffic in the Fall.

No action was recommended at this time on the other two locations.

Carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Donald Bruce, representing the Courtesy Cab Company, appeared before the Commission requesting that they be allowed a new two car cab stand in the central business area in lieu of the stand which they will abandon at 125 E. Kalamazoo Street.

Mr. Bruce was instructed to apply to the City Council for such a location, which request, when received, would then be referred back to the Traffic Commission for approval.

The Traffic Engineer was requested to consult with the City Attorney relative to the legality of painted traffic lanes and turning lanes on City streets.

The Commission considered the request of Ronald E. Weger for parking consideration for himself and four members of his committee in connection with their activities in the Greater Lansing Community Chest Drive between now and October.

It was recommended by the Commission that no special parking privileges be granted to the petitioner.

Carried.

The Commission considered, at some length, some desirable means of eliminating the traffic congestion now existing at the intersection of Saginaw Street and Washington Avenue. It was felt that the widening of Saginaw Street, between Washington Avenue and Grand Avenue, to provide for an exclusive west bound truck lane together with the installation of a signal at Washington Avenue and Saginaw would help in eliminating the serious congestion at this intersection.

It was moved and supported that a recommendation to this effect be sent to the City Council.

Carried.



The Commission considered a petition asking that Willow Street be made a "Stop" street from the Belt Line Railroad up to and including North Jenison Avenue.

The Commission requested that this be investigated by Mr. Beck, Capt. Warner and Mr. Anger.

The Commission considered a petition for a traffic signal at the intersection of Townsend Street and Olds Avenue.

The request was referred to Mr. Beck, Capt. Warner and Mr. Anger for investigation.

The Commission considered the resolution of Alderman Helms that all taxi-cab stands at which telephone boxes had been installed be checked by Capt. Warner and Mr. Anger. The Traffic Engineer reported that this had been done and a report sent to the City Council covering same.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

SIDNEY ANGER,

City Traffic Engineer.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Lansing Traffic Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Sept. 10, 1948

7:00 P. M.,  
Room 103,  
City Hall Annex,  
Lansing, Michigan.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present—Commissioners Beck, Ecker, Graham, Hawkins and Warner.—5.  
Members Absent—Commissioners Hardy and Parr.—2.

Commissioners Hardy and Parr were officially excused from the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

A request was received from the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors Corporation for the installation of a traffic signal at Olds Avenue and Division Street. Since this signal was primarily for the protection of Oldsmobile employees, the Traffic Engineer was directed to forward a letter to the Corporation stating that the Traffic Commission would recommend the placing of a light at this intersection providing that the entire cost thereof was borne by the General Motors Corporation.

A request was received from the Associated Truck Lines, Inc., asking for authorized truck routes into their plants located and 1900 North Washington Avenue. It was recommended that the City Council approve, as truck routes, the following streets: Seager Street from Grand River Avenue to Russell Street; Russell Street from Seager Street to the terminal; Washington Avenue from the terminal to Reasoner Street; and Reasoner Street from Washington Avenue to Turner Street. It was further recommended that these routes would be only of a temporary nature since it is quite possible that the surface on Seager Street will not be able to withstand the amount of truck traffic that will pass over this street.

Carried.

A request was received for a change in the parking restrictions in the 500 blocks of Tisdale and Edison Streets which now prohibit parking. It was moved and supported that a recommendation be sent to the City Council that parking on the south side of the 500 blocks of Tisdale and Edison Streets be changed from "No Parking" to one-hour parking.

Carried.

A communication was received from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission regarding the parking restrictions on South Hosmer Street near their building. It was moved and supported that this matter be laid on the table for further investigation and that action be taken at the October meeting of the commission.

Carried.

A communication was received from C. D. Densmore relative to the traffic hazard existing at Washington Avenue and Saginaw Street. On the report of the Traffic Engineer, the Commission recommended that the City Council approve a far-side bus stop for north-bound buses at this intersection.

Carried.

A resolution was received from Alderman Hayden that parking on Bradley Street, from Mount Hope Avenue to Moores River Drive, be restricted to one hour. The Commission recommended that the City Council consider amending the Traffic Ordinance to provide for this change in parking control.

Carried.

A petition was received asking that the Inter-urban buses be barred from using Seymour Avenue between W. Shiawassee Street and W. Grand River Avenue. It was moved and supported that no action be taken on this request but that the Traffic Engineer forward a letter to the



Greyhound Lines asking that their buses follow the designated routes as outlined by the City Council.

Carried.

The Commission reconsidered the request from Yanks, Inc., for a two-car cab stand in the downtown business section. It was moved and supported that the Traffic Commission's letter of September 1st, recommending two parking spaces on the north side of the 100 block of West Allegan Street, be rescinded and that the City Council consider granting a space on the north side of the 100 block of East Ottawa Street in the first two parking spaces east of Washington Avenue.

Carried.

The Commission recommended that the City Council consider favorably, amending the Traffic Ordinance to make East Elm Street a "Thru" street from Washington Avenue to Cedar Street.

Carried.

The Commission recommended that the City Council consider favorably amending

the Traffic Ordinance to make Cowles Street a "Thru" street at Albert Street.

Carried.

Mr. R. B. Bedore, of Jackson, appeared before the Traffic Commission with a device for anchoring display flags to parking meter posts. Several suggestions were advanced to Mr. Bedore with the thought that when these have been carried out the Commission would reconsider his request for permission to attach these devices to the parking meter posts.

The Traffic Engineer reported to the Commission that with the amount of traffic now using Saginaw Street, it would be desirable to restrict all parking on the north side of Saginaw Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Washington Ave. The Commission directed the Traffic Engineer to contact the Motor Wheel Corporation to determine whether or not they would have any objections to such parking restrictions and if there were none, a recommendation be sent to the City Council that the Traffic Ordinance be amended to provide for this restriction.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

SIDNEY ANGER,  
City Traffic Engineer.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Lansing Traffic Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings October 1, 1948

7:00 P.M.

Room 103

City Hall Annex

Lansing, Michigan.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present—Commissioners Beck, Ecker, Hardy, Hawkins, Parr, Warner—6.

Members Absent—Commissioner Graham—1.

The commission considered a request from Alderman Helms for a traffic signal on East Kalamazoo Street at Magnolia or Hayford Streets. The Traffic Engineer was requested to make a study of traffic on East Kalamazoo Street and submit to the Commission, at the next meeting, his recommendation as to what type of traffic control would be desirable on this street.

The commission considered a letter received from Judge Younger, Chairman of the Traffic Committee of the Lansing Safety Council relative to parking on the streets between 2:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. The commission approved a recommendation of the Traffic Engineer that all trunkline streets, in the city, were to be posted first prohibiting 2:00 A.M.-5:00 A.M. parking and that after this had been completed, at least three major streets a month were to be posted until eventually most of the streets in the city would be signed advising of this parking restriction. The Traffic Engineer advised, however, that this program would depend entirely on the ability of the city to obtain the necessary signs to carry on this work. The commission further recommended that a letter be sent to Judge Younger advising of the action taken on the request of the Traffic Committee.

A letter was received from Veterans Red Top Cab Company requesting permission to install a telephone call box on the south side of Williams Street just west of

Logan Street. It was moved and supported that the commission recommend to the City Council that the request be granted.

A letter was received from Swift and Company requesting that permission be granted to their employees to angle park in front of their building all day, because of the fact that there is no curb in front of this building and that no other parking facilities are available. The commission authorized the Traffic Engineer to advise Swift and Company that they were not agreeable to this type of parking and that further, a letter should be sent to the City Council recommending that a curb be installed in front of the building.

Carried.

The commission considered the resolution of Alderman Helms that parking be prohibited on one side of Jerome Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Fairview Avenue. It was moved and supported that a recommendation be sent to the City Council advising that such a restriction was not desirable, at this time, due to the fact that there is no present congestion on the street and that removal of parking on one side would have a tendency to increase the speed of traffic on Jerome Street, which, in itself, would not be desirable.

Carried.

A motion was made that the request of the Liquor Control Commission regarding the parking restriction on South Hosmer Street be taken from the table for consideration.

Carried.

It was moved and supported that a recommendation be sent to the City Council that the Traffic Ordinance be amended whereby the one hour parking restriction on the east side of Hosmer Street, between Kalamazoo Street and Main Street, be changed to two-hour parking and the time limit be removed, entirely, on the west



side from Kalamazoo Street to St. Joseph Street.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer submitted a recommendation to the commission that the "No Parking" restriction on East Shiawassee Street which now runs from the railroad tracks to Haag Court be extended east to Pennsylvania Avenue. It was moved and supported that a recommendation be sent to the City Council asking that the Traffic Ordinance be amended to provide for the extension of this restriction.

Carried.

The commission considered the desirability of establishing a "No Parking" zone in front of the Convalescent Home at 422 Townsend Street. The Traffic Engineer was requested to obtain additional information regarding driveways to this building and submit a report at the November meeting of the commission.

Lawrence Bacon of the Sheriff's Department appeared before the commission relative to tickets received by his deputies while on duty, for parking on the street in the vicinity of the City Hall due to the lack of space in either the City Hall or City Hall Annex yards. The commission instructed the Traffic Engineer to withhold action on any such tickets which were properly approved by Mr. Bacon in the Sheriff's Department and present them at the monthly meetings of the commission for disposition.

The commission discussed, at some length, the congested parking situation in the yards at the rear of the City Hall and City Hall Annex and as a result of this dis-

cussion, it was moved and supported that a resolution be sent to the City Council that in order to provide additional necessary parking space, some action is necessary by the City Council as an aid in obtaining additional space. The Traffic Commission recommended that the City Council adopt all or part of the following suggestions: (1) removal of sufficient parking meters on either Ottawa Street or Capitol Avenue to provide parking space for official cars properly designated; (2) removal of the Police garage building to some other location which would provide for additional parking spaces; (3) removal to some other location, all "Dead" storage existing in the parking yard at various times. This would consist mainly of impounded cars which remain in the parking area on occasions for several days.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer was requested to make traffic counts in the 100 blocks of east and west Kalamazoo Streets to determine the directional traffic volume and report to the commission at its November meeting.

The commission approved a recommendation of the Traffic Engineer that the present bus stop at the northeast corner of Capitol Avenue and Kalamazoo Street was not properly located and would interfere less with traffic movement if moved to the southeast corner of Capitol Avenue and Washtenaw Street. The Traffic Engineer was requested to contact the bus company on this proposed change and if approved by them, that a letter be sent to the City Council recommending that they also approve of the change.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

SIDNEY ANGER,

City Traffic Engineer.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Lansing Traffic Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Nov. 5, 1948

7:00 P.M.

Room 103

City Hall Annex

Lansing, Michigan.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present—Commissioners Beck, Ecker, Graham, Hawkins, Parr and Warner—6.

Member Absent—Commissioner Hardy—1.

Commissioner Hardy was officially excused from the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

The Commission reconsidered the request of Alderman Helms for a traffic signal on East Kalamazoo Street at either Hayford Street or Magnolia Street. In this connection, the Traffic Engineer submitted a plan regarding the signalization of Kalamazoo Street from Shepard Street to the East City Limits. After consideration of the proposed plan, it was moved and supported that no signals be erected on East Kalamazoo Street at this time because of the lack of necessity for signal control.

Carried.

The Commission reconsidered the request of Alderman Helms to remove parking on one side of Jerome Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Fairview Avenue. It was moved and supported that the traffic volume on Jerome Street did not warrant this type of parking prohibition at the present time and that the matter be held in abeyance pending further study.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer reported that he had received six parking tickets during the month of October from the Sheriff's Depart-

ment for employees whose cars had been ticketed while they were on duty. The Commission authorized the release of these tickets with a further specification that a notice be sent to Mr. Donald Boone that in the future no consideration could be given to his tickets since his car was not a necessary requirement for his job.

The Traffic Engineer submitted a report on the traffic counts which he had taken in the 100 blocks of East and West Kalamazoo Street. Based on the information submitted by the Traffic Engineer, it was moved and supported that a recommendation be sent to the City Council that Parking be prohibited on the north side of the 100 block of West Kalamazoo Street between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, inclusive. It was further recommended that the parking meter heads in this area be painted red and that signs be placed on each meter post advising of this restriction.

Carried

The Traffic Engineer submitted a report to the Commission relative to the need for some changes in the present truck ordinance. The Commission authorized the Traffic Engineer to obtain the necessary signs to be placed on all truck routes at the city limits informing the operators of such vehicles to remain on the truck route. Authorization was also given the Traffic Engineer to properly designate, by signs or markings, all official truck route streets. Information was also requested from the Traffic Engineer on suggested changes in the Truck Ordinance to include truck and trailer combinations on the truck routes.

The Commission considered a communication from the Michigan Cab Company and the Hotel Olds relative to the designation of the cab space in front of the Hotel Olds in the 100 block of West Michigan Avenue, also the cab stand in the 100 block of East Allegan Street. The Traffic Engineer was requested to check the original application for this space and advise the Commission regarding same at the next meeting of the Commission.



The Commission considered a communication from the Acme Glass Company for a more satisfactory parking arrangement in front of their establishment at 412 N. Grand Avenue. Mr. George Corey appeared before the Commission explaining the need for parking in front of his place of business. The Commission requested that the Police Department enforce the on-hour parking restriction in the 400 block of N. Grand Avenue which should result in more available parking space in this area.

The Commission considered a communication from the U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center for permission to park cars on East Saginaw St. from 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. every Tuesday and Thursday nights. It was moved and supported that the request of the petitioner be denied and that a letter be sent by the Traffic Engineer advising them of this decision.

Carried.

The Commission considered a petition for a traffic signal at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Main Street. It was moved and supported that no action be taken on the erection of a signal at this time and that installation be withheld until Pennsylvania Avenue is opened to its ultimate destination to connect with U.S.-127.

Carried.

The Commission considered a request from the Veterans' Red Top Cab Company

to change the location of their present stand at the southwest corner of Washington Avenue and Kalamazoo Street to the northeast corner of Washington Avenue and Washtenaw Street. It was moved and supported that a communication be sent to the City Council recommending that the requested change be granted.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer submitted a recommendation that North Street be considered a "Thru" Street from Case Street to Indiana Avenue. It was moved and supported that no action be taken on this recommendation at the present time.

Carried.

The Traffic Engineer submitted a recommendation that parking in the 200 Block of East Washtenaw Street be changed from angle to parallel, on both sides of the street, and that two-hour parking meters be erected in this block. It was moved and supported that a communication be sent to the City Council recommending that these changes be made in the Traffic Ordinance.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

SIDNEY ANGER,  
City Traffic Engineer.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Lansing Traffic Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings Dec. 10, 1948

7:00 P.M.

103 City Hall Annex

Lansing, Michigan

### ROLL CALL

Members Present—Comm. Back, Ecker, Graham, Hardy, Hawkins, Parr and Warner—7.

Members Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

Mrs. McCarroll, representing the Lansing Cab Company, appeared before the commission asking that their present cab stand at the northeast corner of Shiawassee Street and Washington Avenue be moved to some location closer to the central business district.

Alderman J. K. Reed also spoke in behalf of Mrs. McCarroll's request that the commission consider a more favorable location.

The Traffic Engineer was requested to contact the cab company to ascertain whether they would be agreeable to use the space on the south side of the 100 block of West Washtenaw Street at the rear of the J. W. Knapp Company. If this location was agreeable, a recommendation would be sent to the City Council on that basis. If not agreeable, the matter would be held over until the January meeting.

The commission instructed Captain Warner to advise the Silver Lead Paint Company to remove the two "No Parking" signs in front of their store after 10:00 A.M. each morning between now and Christmas to provide additional parking space for shoppers.

Mr. Harry P. Fruin, Superintendent of Transportation for the Michigan State

Highway Department, appeared before the commission asking permission to park cars between the curb and the sidewalk in front 218 W. Ionia Street.

Mr. Fruin was advised by the commission that this request was contrary to the City Traffic Ordinance and of necessity his request would have to be denied.

The commission considered a petition requesting that one-hour parking signs be erected on the east side of North Cedar Street in the 1000 block.

It was moved and supported that the parking conditions, at this location, were not serious enough to warrant this regulation and that a recommendation be sent to the City Council that the request be denied.

Carried.

The commission considered a resolution from Alderman Eddy that one hour parking signs be erected on the north side of Garden Street, between Washington Ave. and Martin Street.

The Traffic Engineer pointed out that, at the present time, there was a two-hour time limit on the north side of Garden Street and "No Parking" on the south side. It was, therefore, moved and supported that in view of the existing regulation, no further change be made and that the request be denied.

Carried.

The commission considered a petition requesting that "No Parking" signs be placed on the west side of Raider Street between Main Street and Hazel Street.

The Traffic Engineer reported that, at the present time, there is a two-hour parking limit on this street and with good enforcement, by the Police Department, no further restriction would be necessary.

It was moved and supported that the request be laid on the table until the January meeting.

Carried.



The commission received a request from Mr. Roy H. Ivey requesting permission to park his car near the Lansing Business University.

It was moved and supported that in line with the commission's policy, the request be denied.

Carried.

The commission considered a communication from Mr. Benjamin F. Watson commenting on certain irregularities in the manner in which the Police Department is enforcing the traffic regulations.

After some discussion, it was moved and supported that immediately after the Christmas holidays, the Police Department check all cars parked in metered areas to determine those vehicles parked in violation of the ordinance which permits one-hour's parking in a metered stall at one time. It was further moved that a reply be sent by the Traffic Engineer advising Mr. Watson of the action taken on his letter.

Carried.

A request was received from Mr. John McClellan, Judge of Probate, requesting that four of his Juvenile Court workers be furnished with cards to prevent them from obtaining parking tickets while attending conferences in the Judge's office.

It was moved and supported that such permits were not in line with the commission's policy and that Judge McClellan should be advised that his request was being denied.

Carried.

The commission considered a request of Alderman Helms that the traffic light at the intersection of Saginaw Street and Foster Avenue be operated on "Stop and Go" between 6:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M.

The Traffic Engineer pointed out that the reason for this request was because of the fact that when the signal was first placed in operation, a great number of cars were in the habit of "running" the red light, thereby endangering the lives of children crossing Saginaw Street. Since that time warning signs have been erected on each side of this light advising of its existence and during the past two weeks the number of complaints and violations have considerably decreased.

It was, therefore, moved and supported that no action be taken on the resolution at this time.

Carried.

A petition was received requesting the installation of a traffic light at South Cedar Street and Riley Street.

The Traffic Engineer was instructed to consult with the State Highway Department regarding some desirable means of speed control on South Cedar Street, between Mount Hope Avenue and the south city limits and submit a report at the next meeting of the commission.

The Traffic Engineer recommended to the commission that the present school signal at Butler Boulevard and Genesee St. be replaced with a more modern type of signal.

Authorization was given to the engineer to make the necessary changes not to exceed an expenditure of \$200.00.

Carried.

The commission instructed the Traffic Engineer to replace the "No Parking" signs in front of the St. Mary Cathedral to eliminate the confusion now existing when funerals are being held.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

SIDNEY ANGER,  
City Traffic Engineer.